

Winslow Crocker, he b. Barnstable, Mass., July 1798; d. Mar. 1, 1865.

Children, Crocker:

1. Phebe Winslow, b. Dec. 20, 1825.
2. Mary Sears, b. Aug. 28, 1828; d. Sept. 9, 1830.
3. Mary Sears, b. Sept. 23, 1831; d. Mar. 17, 1832.
4. Mary Sears, b. Mar. 1, 1833.
5. Eliza Alger, b. Apr. 15, 1838.

675. 9. Mary, b. Aug. 21, 1807; m. Boston, Mass., May 8, 1852, Nathaniel T. Simpkins of Brewster; had no children.

676.10. Warren, b. Mar. 29, 1809; d. Jan. 9, 1811, ae. 9 mos. 11 days, gr-st.(?)

\*677.11. THOMAS WARREN, b. May 10, 1812.

Ebenezer Sears was the master in 1804, of the sloop "Lark," in the coasting trade, and later a blacksmith, living in Yarmouth.

He served at various times during 7 years of the Rev. War, was a corporal, and one of the guard over the unfortunate Major Andre, the night before his execution.

In muster roll, XXXV. 202, Mass. Archives, he is described as "Ebenezer Sears of Yarmouth, age 18, height 5 feet 8 inches, and ruddy complexion."

He served from Sept. 1, to Nov. 24, in Capt. Grannis' Co., seacoast service, at Elizabeth Islands; also 1 month 10 days from June 1776; Sept. to Dec. 1776, 3 mos. in Capt. Abijah Bangs' Co.; May 29, 1779, 3 mos. 2 dys., on brigantine "Active," Capt. Allen Hallet, at 2.14.0, per month; enlisted July 10, 1780, arriving at Springfield, July 19, 1780, to reinforce the Northern Army, and served 6 mos. 22 days, wages, 13.9.4; travel 280 miles.

He is said to have been "the first to carry the American flag to the east of the Cape of Good Hope, and hoist it in the Indian seas. He made the voyage in the sloop 'Stork,' a vessel of 200 tons, with a short lower mast, and carrying a square foresail and standing royal yard, a rig that may frequently be seen in the North Baltic seas at the present time. Capt. Sears' sea letter was signed by Gen. Washington. The 'Stork' sailed from a port in the North Sea, homeward bound, some years later, under Capt. Gideon Eldredge, and was never heard of after."

It is doubtful if Capt. Sears ever made the voyage to the East Indies in the "Stork" as stated in the Barnstable paper from which the above item was copied. It may refer to another Capt. Sears, perhaps Edmund or Edward; the story was told by the mate who claimed to have made the voyage in question, and his memory as to his captain's Christian name may have been at fault, or misunderstood by the narrator. Capt. Ebenezer Sears' descendants and relatives whom I questioned about the story, had never heard that he made a voyage to the East Indies as master. Some of them remembered him well, and often when young heard him tell of his adventures as sailor and soldier.

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257. WILLARD<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Willard<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Harwich, Mass.,

May 26, 1759; d. West Newton, Mass., July 27, 1852, ae. 93 yrs., gr-st.,

Brewster, Mass., m. Yarmouth, Mass., Sept. 19, 1786, Hannah Sears, dau.

of Edmund & Hannah (Crowell) S., she b. Dec. 8, 1766; d. Feb. 6, 1843, ae. 76 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Harwich, later Brewster:

678. 1. Nancy, b. May 20, 1788; (Mar. T. Clk.) she was killed by the cars at Grantville Station, now Wellesley, Mass., June 11, 1852, ae. 64 yrs.; m. Feb. 9, 1812, Capt. Isaiah Howes, son of Isaiah & Lydia (Chapman) H., he b. July 10, 1788; d. from the effects of a fall from a wagon at Worcester, Mass.
- Children, Howes:
1. Clinton, b. May 8, 1813; d. Nov. 15, 1837.
  2. Arlette, b. Mar. 12, 1815; d. July 31, 1816.
  3. Arlette, b. Aug. 17, 1817; d. Dec. 23, 1819.
  4. Willard Sears, b. Oct. 30, 1819; d. Nov. 4, 1819.
  5. Lorenza, b. May 27, 1821; d. Apr. 19, 1880; m. May 6, 1845, Leander Elmer Mann, son of John & Sukey M., he b. Dec. 18, 1827;
- Children, Mann:
1. Susan Emma, b. Feb. 23, 1847; m. Jan. 1, 1868, Stephen L. Newton.
  2. Willard Clinton, b. July 21, 1849; m. Nov. 10, 1880, Mattie Winslow of Paris, Me.
  3. Lucius Elmer, b. Mar. 1, 1851; m. Mar. 30, 1880, Emma L. Bell of Worcester, Mass.
  6. George Washington, b. Aug. 8, 1823; d. Worcester, Mass., Feb. 23, 1899; m. Apr. 20, 1881, Clara M. Howland of Stafford, Conn.
  7. Martha Custis, b. Jan. 3, 1826; d. Taunton, Mass., Apr. 18, 1891; m. Nov. 29, 1855, Rev. Ogden Hall, (his 2d., wife.)
- Children, Hall:
1. Mattie Isa, b. July 16, 1857; d. Taunton, Mass., Mar. 10, 1906; m. Sept. 2, 1879, Sextus P. Goddard, "The Petersham Bard," who d. Nov. 2, 1885.
  2. Cecil S., b. June 1, 1859; d. Mar. 11, 1860.
  3. Mary S., b. Mar. 18, 1861; m. Mar. 27, 1879, Capt. George Otis Trefethen of Taunton, Mass.
- Child, Trefethen.
1. Grace Hanscom, b. Feb. 18, 1880.
8. Mary Burr, b. Sept. 28, 1828; m. Nov. 1860, Charles R. Brown of Gardner, Mass.
- Children, Brown:
1. Charles Eugene, b. Oct. 15, 1861; m. Oct. 20, 1886, Hattie L. Graves.
9. Arlette, b. Sept. 9, 1832; res. Newton, Mass., unmd.
679. 2. Sukey, b. June 24, 1790; d. July 15, 1874, ae. 84 yrs.; m. Nov. 16, 1815, Eben Higgins, son of Jacob & Mercy H., of Brewster, Mass., who d. Apr. 7, 1875, ae. 85 yrs.
- Children, Higgins:
1. Susan Sears, b. Aug. 28, 1816; unmd.
  2. Eben, b. May 12, 1818; d. May 23, 1880; m. July 15, 1841, Lydia Ann Tucker of Gloucester, Mass.

## Children, Higgins:

1. Lydia Ann, b. Apr. 25, 1843; d. Natick, Mass., May 24, 1876, m. July 9, 1867, Abraham Bigelow.
2. Eben, b. Mar. 31, 1845; m. Sept. 15, 1868, Sarah Goulding.
3. Susan Abby, b. Nov. 29, 1849; m. Sept. 7, 1870, Roger S. Bartlett, and d. Jan. 14, 1872.
4. Willard Sears, b. May 23, 1847; m. Apr. 7, 1870, H. Maria James.

## Children, Higgins:

1. Willard Elliot.
2. Roger Winslow.
3. Ralph.
5. Howard Holbrook, b. Oct. 6, 1852.
3. Jacob, b. Feb. 6, 1821; d. Dec. 20, 1838.
4. Abigail Freeman, b. Mar. 11, 1823; m. Nov. 12, 1844, Asaph Crosby, son of Asaph & Phebe (Gray) C., of Brewster, he b. July 3, (or 8,) 1819.

## Children, Crosby:

1. Jacob Higgins, b. Sept. 16, 1845; d. Oct. 6, 1864.
2. Mary Adelaide, b. July 23, 1847; m. Nov. 19, 1868, Moses E. Wiles of Orleans, Mass.
3. Alice P., b. Oct. 25, 1853; d. Apr. 1, 1885.
5. Willard Sears, b. Dec. 12, 1826; m. Aug. 21, 1854, Olive Clark Freeman, dau. of Solomon & Eulda (Crosby) F., of Brewster, she b. June 4, 1827; (m. 2d., Dec. 2, 1869, Elisha D. Winslow, he b. Apr. 25, 1807; d. Sept. 12, 1882; his son by a previous marriage, Walter T. Winslow, m. Sarah L. Sears, dau. of Capt. Joseph H. Sears.) He was drowned in going aboard of his ship at Queenstown, Ireland, Jan. 9, 1866.

680. 3. Jane, b. Oct. 17, 1792; d. Sept. 1, 1849, ae. 56 yrs.; m. Dec. 14, 1815, Jonathan Foster, who m. 2d., -----.

## Children, Foster:

1. Jonathan, b. Aug. 1817; d. July 1, 1849, ae. 31 yrs.

- \*681. 4. EBEN, b. Jan. 17, (or 24,) 1795.

682. 5. Hannah, b. Feb. 17, 1797; d. Mar. 27, 1865, ae. 68 yrs.; m. Dec. 31, 1821, Hopkins Foster, he b. Nov. 15, 1796; was drowned, Apr. 15, 1823, ae. 26 yrs.

## Child, Foster:

1. Mary Hopkins, b. Sept. 8, 1822; m. May 1, 1844, George E. Sickles, son of Peter F. Sickles, of Natick, Mass., he b. 1812; m. 1st, 1835, Mary L. Bartlett, dau. of Peter F. Sickles, of Natick, Mass., she b. 1814; m. 2d., 1844, George E. Sickles, dau. of Peter F. Sickles, of Natick, Mass., he b. 1812.

- Children, Sickles:
1. George Edward, b. Feb. 14, 1845.
  2. William Ambrose, b. Aug. 23, 1847; res. Chicago, Ill.

683. 6. Mary, b. Apr. 26, 1799; d. Brewster, July 30, 1895, unmd., ae. 96 yrs. 3 mos. 4 dys.

- \*684. 7. WILLARD, b. Nov. 29, 1803.

685. 8. Harriet, b. Oct. 30, 1807; d. June 11, 1871, ae. 63 yrs.; m. Dec. 8, 1835, John Crosby, of Eastham, Mass., who d. May 1, 1867, ae. 57;

son of Asaph & Phebe (Gray) C.

Children, Crosby:

1. Charles Clinton, b. \_\_\_\_\_; d. young.
  2. John H., b. 1838; d. July 1870, ae. 32 yrs., of disease contracted in the army.
  3. Charles Clinton, d. young.
  4. Harriet Sears, b. May 14, 1847; d. Grantville, Mass., Apr 11, 1876, ae. 28 yrs.; m. George R. Hall of Chelsea, Mass.
- Children, Hall:
1. Mary Sears, b. Aug. 1873.
  2. Hattie R., b. Aug. 1875; d. Apr. 16, 1876, ae. 8 mos.

Willard Sears lived near the site of the ancient tide-mill at Stony brook, in Harwich, now Brewster, on land purchased of Maj. Nathaniel Freeman; the place was known in early Colony days as Sachamus Neck, the residence of the Sachem of the Sauguatucket Indians. The house which he erected was taken down some years since by Mr. Augustus Paine, (to whom he had sold the place,) and another erected on its site.

He was an enterprising housewright, built many salt-works, and engaged also in ship-building, having learned the trade in Nantucket, and manufactured salt.

During the Revolutionary War, he was in the militia, and on the alarm at Falmouth and Bedford, Sept. 7, 1778, he marched in Capt. Benjamin Berry's Co., Maj. Zenas Winslow's Reg., 112 miles travel, and 7 days service. *(See Genealogical Record, vol. 35, p. 242.)*

Previous to his death he divided his property among his children, and left no estate to be administered upon.

The birth of his children are taken from the family Bible, which varies in some instances from the dates as found in the town records.

Willard Sears and his wife were interred in the "New Cemetery" in Brewster, the latter being the first burial in it.

*She was descended from Elder William Brewster and Mrs. Thomas Paine.*

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263. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Feb. 15, 1758; d. East Dennis, Mass., Nov. 26, 1834, ae. 76 yrs.; m. Yar., Jan. 25, 1781, Rachel Rules, who d. Oct. 1827.

Children in Yarmouth, now Dennis:

\*686. 1. ARNOLD, b. Dec. 25, 1781.

687. 2. Polly, b. Apr. 10, 1783; d. Jan. 1820.

688. 3. Achsah, b. Dec. 6, 1784; d. Aug. 28, 1836.

\*689. 4. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 12, 1785.

690. 5. Rachel, b. Dec. 13, 1788; d. Oct. 10, 1878, ae. 90 yrs. 10 mos., q. st. W. Br.

\*691. 6. LOT, b. Apr. 11, 1791.

692. 7. Deborah, b. May 4, 1793; m. ----- Merchant, and d. Brewster, June 2, 1862.

693. 8. Howes, b. Dennis, Sept. 15, 1795; rem. to Nantucket, Mass., m. Johnston, R.I., Mar. 30, 1815, Mrs. Avis Nicker of Nantucket,

\*694. 9. FREEMAN, b. Dennis, Jan. 24, 1799.

Nathaniel Sears lived in the East Precinct of Yarmouth, now Dennis, and was admitted to the Church there, "in private," July 7, 1799.

On alarm at Dartmouth, Sept. 6, 1778, he served 13 days in Lt. Micajah Sears Co.,

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278. Hon. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>), b. Chatham, Mass., Jan. 30, 1749; d. there, May 13, 1839, ae. 90 yrs.; m. Framingham, Mass. Nov. 25, 1778, Mehitable Marshall, dau. of Ebenezer & Mehitable (Haven) M., of Framingham, she b. Oct. 27, 1758; d. Chatham, July 8, 1852, ae. 94 yrs.

Children in Chatham:

695. 1. Sarah, b. Oct. 5, 1779; d. Boxford, Mass., Apr. 29, 1812, ae. 32 yrs., gr-st.; m. Chatham, Oct. 17, 1799, by Rev. Ephraim Briggs of C., to his bro. Rev. Isaac Briggs, son of Rev. Ephraim & Rebecca (Waterman) B., of Halifax, Mass., he b. there, May 26, 1775; grad. Brown Univ., 1795; and was settled at York, Me., 1797; at Boxford, Mass., 1808-1833; and at Chatham, 1834-36; he removed to No. Rochester, Mass., and lived there till 1852, when he went to reside with his daughter, Mrs. John J. Crane of Morrisania, N.Y., and died there, Feb. 22, 1862, ae. 87 yrs.; "a good man and a faithful minister." (He m. 2d., Chatham, Nov. 16, 1813, Hitty Sears, his sister-in-law, who d. s. p., Boxford, Mass., Aug. 1, 1814, ae. 30 yrs., gr-st.; and 3d., Feb. 6, 1816, Henrietta Chester, dau. of Leonard C., of Canterbury, Conn., by whom he had a daughter.)

Children, Briggs:

1. Mary, b. Old York, Me., Feb. 1, 1801; <sup>born with in 1834 to and d. there</sup> New Haven, Conn., Nov. 23, 1882, "esteemed by all that knew her," m. Boxford, Mass., Apr. 23, 1823, Gilman Prichard, son of Lt. Jeremiah P., a Rev. soldier; he b. Ipswich, N.H., Nov. 23, 1795; was a successful merchant in Boston, Mass., Deacon of Essex Street Church, and Superintendant of the Sunday School; he d. Feb. 8, 1833.

Children, Prichard:

1. Sarah Sears, b. Boston, Mar. 3, 1824; d. New Haven, Conn., July 21, 1900; m. N.Y., Sept. 6, 1854, Rev. Theodore Dwight Woolsey, Pres. of Yale College, (his 2d., wife,) he b. N.Y., Oct. 31, 1801.
2. Mary, b. Boston, Mar. 29, 1826; m. New Haven, Conn., Apr. 23, 1850, Rev. William H. Goodrich, son of Prof. Chauncy A. & Julia (Webster) G., he b. there, Jan. 19, 1823; d. Lausanne, Switzerland, July 11, 1874; grad. Yale, 1843; was pastor of the Cong. Ch., Bristol, Conn., of Pres. Ch., Binghamton, N.Y., and of Cleveland, Ohio.
3. Gilman, b. Boston, May 14, 1828; d. Oct. 1, 1831.
4. Ellen Maria, b. Boston, July 19, 1831; res. with her sister, Mrs. Woolsey in New Haven, unmd.

2. Richard Sears, b. Old York, Me., June 24, 1803; entered Phillips Acad., Andover, Mass., Aug. 12, 1817; and left May 1818; he was a clerk in Boston, but his health becoming impaired, he made a voyage to South America, and died in Pernambuco, of small pox, contracted from a body washed on shore, Jan. 9, 1827; unmd.
3. Charles Marshall, b. Old York, Me., Aug. 21, 1805; m. Framingham, Mass., Nov. 3, 1840, Mary Ann Ballard, a second cousin, she b. Apr. 8, 1817; d. Oct. 15, 1881. He was in the carpet business on Washington street, Boston, removed to Framingham, and d. there, Aug. 22, 1865.  
Children, Briggs:
  1. Richard Sears, b. June 22, 1844; m. June 22, 1875, Elizabeth G. Partridge, she b. Hollister, Mass., Feb. 25, 1842; res. Framingham.
  2. Mary Elsie, b. Feb. 5, 1852; res. Framingham, unmd.
4. George, b. Portsmouth, N.H., Sept. 24, 1807; d. N.Y., 1891; m. New York, Nov. 18, 1835, Elsie Schuyler Crane, dau. of Benjamin C., of N.Y., she b. there, Aug. 14, 1811; d. there, Dec. 26, 1851; and 2d., Bristol, Conn., Oct. 10, 1854, Julia Elizabeth Brewster, dau. of Noah & Elizabeth (Root) B., of Bristol; she b. there, Mar. 29, 1828; he was a ship-master during many years, and later, Pres. Dry Dock Co., South street, N.Y.  
Children, Briggs:  
by Elsie,
  1. Cilman Prichard, b. Dec. 13, 1837; m. Canandaigua, N.Y., Feb. 25, 1867, Charlotte Botsford; and d. Albany, N.Y., Feb. 18, 1872.
  2. Benjamin Crane, b. Sept. 30, 1842; m. N.Y., Oct. 1, 1874, Caroline Hains, who d.s.p. Hoboken, N.J., Aug. 11, 1885; he was employed in his father's office.
  3. George Isaac, b. May 16, 1845; d. Oct. 1857.
  4. Augustus Crane, b. Jan. 28, 1847; m. Albuquerque, Mexico, Nov. 27, 1883, Mary Phelan; he was in a bank there.
  5. Elsie Schuyler, b. Dec. 16, 1851; d. Feb. 18, 1871.  
by Julia, *Isabella*
    6. Julia ~~Elizabeth~~, b. Dec. 12, 1856.
    7. Mary, b. Nov. 6, 1858.
    8. Sarah, b. Feb. 7, 1864; m. May 27, 1885, Edward W. Kemble, an artist.
    9. George, b. Oct. 25, 1866.
5. James Freeman, b. Boxford, Mass., Sept. 4, 1809; d. Oct. 16, 1810, *at 13 mos., 9 wks.*
696. 2. Richard, (Capt.) b. Oct. 29, 1781; d.s.p. Chatham, Mass., Nov. 28, 1830; m. int. Chatham, Mar. 18, 1815, Alethana Marshall, dau. of Gilbert & Jane (Jones) M., of Ashland, Mass., his cousin, she b. Mar. 28, 1792; d. 1839. In early life he sailed as supercargo and master. and after retiring from the sea, kept a store on the beach at Chatham, where the salt-works were, in partnership with Isaac Hardy, father of the late Hon. Alpheus Hardy of Boston. In connection with his father-in-law, he built a foundry, and also a saw-mill on the Sudbury river.  
His residence was next to that of <sup>his</sup> father on the old homestead.

He was very fine looking, extremely gentlemanly and courteous in manner, resembling his father in many ways.

He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1822; and chosen Town Clerk in 1827; he represented the town in the State Leg., in 1826-27. Was an Aid-de-Camp, etc.

His Will dated Oct. 5, 1828, and a codicil Oct. 5, 1830, was proved Feb. 9, 1831, and mentions sisters-in-law, Rebecca and Elizabeth Marshall; nephew Charles M. Briggs; and gives his brother Daniel, his watch and chain. Charles Scudder of Boston, Executor.

697. 3. Daniel, b. Dec. 4, 1783; d. unmd., Oct. 10, 1854; ae. 71 yrs.; the last of the line in Chatham.

He was plain in feature, and much deformed, owing to an accident in childhood. His mother was driving with friends, when the horse became frightened, the carriage was overturned, and the person who held him, fell upon him, causing internal injuries. It was thought for a time that he could not live, and gradually this deformity came upon him.

He died three years after his mother, of heart disease; he had driven to Yarmouth on a very cold day, returned much chilled, and died in two days.

698. 4. Mehitable, b. Dec. 4, 1783; (1784 Briggs Bible;) twin; d.s.p. Boxford, Mass., Aug. 1, 1814, ae. 30 yrs.; m. Nov. 4, 1813, Rev. Isaac Briggs, her bro-in-law.

699. 5. Ebenezer Marshall, b. Nov. 24, 1788; d. Havana, Cuba, Aug. 10, 1810, ae. 22 yrs., gr-st., Chatham; he was a clerk in Boston, and went to Havana on his employers business.

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700. 6. Fear, b. Nov. 24, 1788; twin; d. Boston, Aug. 8, 1822; m. July 2, 1817, Charles Scudder of B., son of David & Desire (Gage) S., of Barnstable, Mass., he b. Hyannis, Mass., June 5, 1789; d. Boston, Jan. 21, 1863. He was a prominent merchant in Boston, a deacon in the Essex street church, and superintendant of the Sunday school; for many years an officer of the A.B.C.F.M., of the Cong. Ch.

(He m. 2d., Oct. 27, 1823, his wife's cousin, Jane Marshall, dau. of Gilbert & Jane (Jones) M., she b. Framingham, Mass., Oct. 17, 1796; d. Boston, Mar. 20, 1833.)

Children, Scudder:

1. Marshall Sears, b. May 31, 1818; d.s.p. Aug. 24, 1875; m. July 24, 1839, Rebecca C. Blatchford, dau. of Rev. Henry & Mary Ann (Coit) B.; he was a merchant.

2. Charles William, b. Jan. 4, 1820; m. Aug. 16, 1841, Alicia H. Blatchford, (sister of above Rebecca B.,) was a hardware dealer in Boston, and res. in Brookline, Mass.

Children, Scudder:

1. Frank H., b. Mar. 30, 1842; m. June 11, 1867, Sarah Trufant.
2. Henry Blatchford, b. June 18, 1844; m. Apr. 21, 1866, Julia R. Perry of Andover, Mass., res. Longwood, Mass.
3. Winthrop Saltonstall, b. July 24, 1847; was with Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Publishers, Boston.

4. Mary Windeat, b. May 27, 1851; d. Sept. 14, 1853.
5. Bessie Marshall, b. Oct. 1, 1853.

Richard Sears' father died when he was eleven years old, and two years later his mother married Samuel Ballard of Boston, and removed with her children to that town, and lived on the corner of Common street and Turnagain lane, now known as Tremont street and Temple place.

Richard soon returned to Chatham, and was brought up there, receiving a common school education, and, arriving at manhood, settled upon the old homestead farm, and devoted himself to its cultivation. He spent seven years of his youth in the family and store of Gen. Joseph Otis of Revolutionary fame.

He became the largest real estate owner in Chatham, carried on his farm on an extensive scale, having a farmer to superintend, and a number of farm hands always employed; kept considerable live stock, a goodly number of cattle and sheep, which were pastured on the downs.

He kept a variety shop next his house, which was on Main street, just left of the soldier's monument; engaged in the manufacture of salt, and to some extent in shipping, in connection with his brother David of Boston.

The old house, supposed to have been built by his grand-father, Daniel Sears, was taken down in 1863, having after the death of his widow, been occupied by various parties, and allowed to become dilapidated.

He was appointed Coroner in 1781; Session Justice for the County in 1814; and to qualify civil officers; Justice of the Peace, quorum unus, 1801; Representative, 1780, 1781, 1783, 1785, 1786, 1792, 1796, 1806, 1809, 1813 and 1814; Senator, 1804; and Town Treasurer and Clerk, 1775, 1776.

He was in 1st Co., of Chatham in 2d. Reg. Mil., during the Rev. War, date and service not given.

Mr. Sears was tall, and of great dignity of manner; calm in speech and action; civil and attractive in his intercourse with his fellows.

His dress up to a very short time before his death, was of the late Revolutionary period; he wore long hose, shoe and knee buckles, ruffled shirts at all times, and his iron gray hair brushed over and tied with a black ribbon.

Mrs. Sears, "Grandma", as she was called by her intimates, was by nature, a courtly lady, capable of gracing any position, and uniting with her husband in practical religion, she was ever doing good, especially among children, aiming to instill into their minds the lesson, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

The "Squire" as he was called, would frequently invite his city friends to Chatham for the fishing and gunning, and many distinguished men, as Webster, Otis, Quincy and others, have enjoyed the comforts and agreeable society of that hospitable roof.

The clergy ever found a home there, and always made it their stopping place when in town.

Most of the travelling 80 or 90 years ago, from Chatham to Boston was on horseback.

During the many years that the Squire represented the town in the Legislature, he was in the habit of riding all the way to Boston, where he remained during the session, the guest of his brother David, at his residence on Beacon street, enjoying its luxurious appointments, and the cultured society to which he had access, returning to his quiet home in the spring, ready and eager to resume his country life and the duties connected with it.



The day before his death he was engaged in superintending his out of door business, but in the afternoon came in from a drive to the shore, complaining of a pain in the region of the heart, walked through the house to his bed-room, and lying down, never rose again; he died the next forenoon, very calmly and peacefully gliding out of existence, aged 90 years.

At the time of Mrs. Sears' death, a maid in the house was quite ill, and a nurse from the village was in attendance; hearing a movement in the night in Mrs. Sears' bedroom below stairs, she went down and found her sitting up and looking from the window.

In reply to the question, "are you not feeling well, Grandma?" she said, "O yes, only restless and wakeful. I often get up and sit at the window when the moon shines, and think."

She was persuaded to go to bed, and was soon sleeping, but breathing rather strongly; from this sleep she never awoke. She too, gently departed this life; at 3 o'clock the next afternoon she no longer lived, and the old house was desolate then.

The family were originally buried in the family cemetery on the hill where is now the Methodist Church, but after the death of Daniel Sears in 1854, their remains were removed to the Congregational cemetery, the purchasers of the estate being unwilling to maintain the burial place.

The Will of Richard Sears dated Oct. 15, 1833, and mentions "beloved wife Mehitable Sears, and son Daniel; grandson Charles M. Briggs, and son-in-law Charles Scudder, trustees and executors; grand-daughter Mary Prichard widow of Gilman P.; grand-sons George Briggs, Marshall S. Scudder and Charles W. Scudder; and "reserving forever" the burying ground as fenced for a family burying place, together with a convenient way to the same for the purpose of a burial place, and my will is that a fence be kept in good repair under the care and direction of my executors."

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279. DAVID<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>), b. Chatham, Mass., Nov. 29, (another account says Aug. 12,) 1752; d. Boston, Mass., Oct. 23, 1816, ae. 64 yrs.; m. Providence, R.I., June 6, 1786, Ann Winthrop, dau. of John Still & Jane (Borland) W., of New London, Conn., who d. Oct. 2, 1789, ae. 33 yrs.

Child:

\*701. 1. DAVID, b. Boston, Oct. 8, 1787.

Mr. Sears removed to Boston with his mother in 1763, and was brought up by his step-father, Samuel Ballard, who lived on Common street, now Tremont street, between Mr. Cole's and Mrs. Swan's houses, being the third house from Winter street, and on the corner of Turnagain lane, now Temple Place.

He became one of the most successful merchants in Boston, having his counting room on Central wharf.

In 1775, he sailed for London in company with Daniel Greene and others, (who desired to avoid the troublous times consequent upon the outbreak

of the Revolution,) travelled on the Continent during several years, and made his business connections useful to his country. Upon his return he narrowly escaped capture by an English frigate.

He engaged to some extent in privateering, and in the summer of 1779, fitted out the "Mars," of 22 guns, built in Duxbury, and commanded by Capt. Ash. *? Col. James Sears and others owned the "Mars".*

During the Presidency of the elder Adams, he was the chairman of a committee of the citizens of Boston for building a frigate, the "Boston," at their private expense, to be presented to the Federal government, himself subscribing \$3000.

He was in favor of Jay's treaty, and suffered considerable loss by French spoiliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Sears was an able financier, and a Director of the First Bank of the United States from its commencement to its termination; was often a referee in intricate cases of equity and mercantile usage, and his whole career was marked by incorruptible integrity.

That large tract of land in Maine, known as the "Waldo Patent," having been confiscated by the government, was sold; three fourths to Gen. Knox, his wife owning the remaining fourth, and by him mortgaged to Israel Thorndike, David Sears and William Prescott of Boston, who foreclosed on it.

The territory was originally 30 miles square, and included all the islands of Penobscot Bay, the sites of the towns of Searsmont, Prospect, Knox and Searsport.

Our institutions do not readily lend themselves to the maintenance of a great absentee proprietor, in remote parts of the country.

It was not an easy matter to secure a competent agent, and still less to deal with refractory tenants, or with that numerous class of settlers who persuade themselves that they be allowed to occupy rent free, the soil they have begun by appropriating.

It is not to be wondered at that the heirs availed themselves of opportunities for selling the estate, and the only portion now remaining unalienated is the well known Brigadiers' Island.

Mr. Sears was a benevolent man, and a contributor to many charities.

He was a founder of the "Widow's Fund," in Trinity Church, in which he was a worshipper, and in which he was honored as a benefactor.

A too copious indulgence in that favorite repast of the olden time, a "Saturday salt-fish dinner," brought on serious indigestion, followed by a congestion which proved fatal.

He fell dead as he was getting into his carriage, in front of his residence, on the upper corner of Beacon and Somerset streets, Oct. 25, 1816.

Dr. John Sylvester John Gardiner, then Rector of Trinity Church, preached his funeral sermon from the text, "There is but one step between me and death," in allusion to the fact that Mr. Sears had fallen on the step of his carriage in a fit of apoplexy.

His wife, Ann Winthrop, was a dau. of John Still Winthrop, by his first wife Jane Borland, and a lineal descendant of the old first Governor, and was an elder sister of Lieut. Gov. Thomas Lindall Winthrop.

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284. <sup>5</sup>SILAS <sup>4</sup>SEARS, (<sup>3</sup>Silas, <sup>2</sup>Silas, <sup>1</sup>Richard,) b. Yarmouth, Mass.,

Feb. 2, 1726-27; m. Yar., Dec. 17, 1756, Elizabeth Williams.

Children in Yarmouth:

702. 1. Mercy, b. May 13, 1757.

703. 2. Reuben, b. Aug. 26, 1758; (perhaps m. 1790, Hannah Benedict, she b. Dec. 23, 1772; and removed to Wayne co., N.Y.) (Benedict Gen.)

704. 3. Silas, b. Feb. 22, 1762; d. May 30, 1765.

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285. EDWARD<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Silas,<sup>4</sup> Silas,<sup>3</sup> Silas,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass.,

Oct. 21, 1729; d. before Apr. 1782; m. Yar., Sept. 24, 1750, Mary Bray, who

d. Feb. 6, 1750-51; and 2d., Yar. Nov. 26, 1767, Priscilla Baker.

(An Edward Sears was published to Mercy Sears in Yarmouth, June 4, 1764.)

Children in Yarmouth:

by Priscilla,

705. 1. Mary, b. Oct. 8, 1771.

\*706. 2. EDWARD, b. Apr. 9, 1779.

Edward Sears of Yarmouth died intestate, and Barnabas Eldredge of Yar., was appointed administrator of his estate, which was appraised Apr. 26, 1782 at \$102. 11. 2.

Dower was set off to his widow, Priscilla Sears, Dec. 3, 1782.

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287. MOODY<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Silas,<sup>4</sup> Silas,<sup>3</sup> Silas,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass.,

May 6, 1734; d. Nov. 24, 1795, ae. 61 yrs., gr-st., Yar.; m. Yar., Dec. 20,

1759, Elizabeth Lewis, dau. of Antipas L. -

Children in Yarmouth:

707. 1. Mary, b. Jan. 1, 1763; m. Enoch Hallet, Jr., of Yar., he b. Feb. 19, 1760; and 2d., Nov. 9, 1797, Benjamin Parker of Falmouth, Mass.

708. 2. Moody, b. Sept. 5, 1764; was a mariner; his vessel was seized by the British, and the crew thrown into prison; a family tradition says he died there unmarried, but another account says he was drowned on Nantucket shoals, in 1789, in a new schooner belonging to Mr. Evans of Providence, R.I.; and commanded by Howes Hallett, and is doubtless correct.

\*709. 3. JAMES, b. Apr. 12, 1766.

710. 4. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 19, 1768; m. Dec. 7, 1797, David Crosby of Dennis.

\*711. 5. PRINCE, b. Dec. 20, 1769.

712. 6. Deborah, b. July 7, 1772; m. Yar., Feb. 23, 1792, John Thacher, Jr., son of John & Hannah (Matthews) T., and rem. to South Dartmouth,

Mass., in 1805; he was a mariner, and sailed from Dartmouth, Mar. 7, 1820, with his sons, Sears and John, and they are supposed to have been lost the same night.

Children, Thacher:

1. Lavinia, b. Oct. 2, 1792.
2. Sears, b. Oct. 3, 1797; drowned Mar. 7, 1820.
3. Rebecca, b. Oct. 3, 1797, twin; d. Apr. 1, 1850.
4. Isaiah, b. Sept. 26, 1799; d. Jan. 17, 1801.
5. Serena, b. June 28, 1802; m. Ebenezer Alden.
6. Sarah, b. Oct. 7, 1803; m. ----- Parker.
7. John, b. Nov. 26, 1804; drowned Mar. 7, 1820.
8. Job, b. Jan. 1, 1807; d. Jan. 3, 1807.
9. Isaac, b. Jan. 1, 1807, twin; d. Jan. 18, 1807.
10. Deborah, b. July 14, 1808.
11. Charlotte, b. Apr. 3, 1812; d. Feb. 12, 1813.

713. 7. Martha, b. Mar. 3, 1775; d. unmd.

\*714. 8. ISAIAH, b. Mar. 18, 1777.

\*715. 9. ENOCH, b. June 28, 1779.

716.10. Charlotte, b. Oct. 31, 1782; m. int. Yar., Oct. 1, 1801, Benjamin Baxter of Dennis.

Moody Sears of Yarmouth made his Will, but not having three witnesses, it failed of probate. Mar. 19, 1796, the heirs agreed to a settlement; they were, Isaiah, Enoch and Charlotte Sears; Enoch and Mary Hallett; John and Deborah Thacher; Elizabeth, Martha, James and Prince Sears. On the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, Sept. 1778, Moody Sears marched in Capt. Lot Crowell's Co.

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288. ELEAZAR<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Silas<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>), b. Yarmouth, Mass., about 1728; d. there, Sept. 1810, ae. 82 yrs.; m. Yar. int. Aug. 23, 1760, (called Eleazar, Jr.,) Ruth Lewis, dau. of Antipas L.; and 2d., Yar., Feb. 17, 1786, Jane Baker; and 3d., Yar., Nov. 9, 1790, Sarah Young, who d. Mar. 19, 1831.

Children in Yarmouth:

by Ruth,

717. 1. Phebe, b. Mar. 1, 1761; m. Jan. 26, 1786, Aaron Crowell, son of Jonathan & Phebe (Snow) C., he b. May 22, 1766.  
Children, Crowell:

1. Aaron, b. July 1, 1790.
2. Gideon, b. May 14, 1791.
3. Zeno, b. Aug. 5, 1793.

4. Ebenezzer, b. June 30, 1796.
5. Sarah, b. Mar. 4, 1800; m. Barnabas Hallet; and 2d., Jonathan Sears.
6. Ezra, b. Nov. 14, 1803.

718. 2. Hannah, b. Nov. 18, 1762; d. Apr. 9, 1765.

719. 3. Ruth, b. June 21, 1765; d. 1784.

\*720. 4. LEWIS, b. Oct. 26, 1768; (1767, T.Clk.)

721. 5. Lydia, b. Aug. 5, 1770; m. Yar., June 23, 1788, Joseph Crowell, son of Thomas & Mercy (Stuart) C., he b. Feb. 20, 1761; d. 1825. Children, Crowell:

1. Lewis, b. Jan. 11, 1789; m. 1817, Betsy Freeman.
2. Nathan, b. Nov. 27, 1791; m. Hannah -----.
3. Joseph, b. Apr. 23, 1793; d. 1824; m. 1817, Rebecca Matthews.
4. Hannah B., b. Aug. 10, 1795; m. 1816, Eleazar Crowell.
5. Winthrop, b. Feb. 1, 1798; m. 1821, Rebecca Bassett.
6. Obed, b. June 30, 1800; m. Feb. 20, 1823, Hannah Bessey.
7. Lydia, b. Oct. 17, 1802; m. Jan. 14, 1821, Ebenezer Crowell.
8. Calvin, b. Apr. 28, 1805; d. Apr. 18, 1831.
9. Diantha T., b. Aug. 21, 1807; m. Sept. 1826, Warren Lewis.
10. Tabitha, b. Apr. 17, 1810; m. Jan. 1837, Freeman Crowell.

722. 6. Tabitha, b. July 19, 1773; m. Yar., Nov. 16, 1791, Samuel Crowell, son of Thomas & Mercy (Stuart) C., he b. Mar. 18, 1767.

Children, Crowell:

1. Ruth, b. Jan. 19, 1794.
2. Sears, b. Oct. 14, 1795.
3. Mercy, b. Nov. 4, 1797.
4. Samuel, b. Aug. 10, 1800.

\*723. 7. EDWARD, b. July 11, 1777.

by Sarah,

724. 8. Hannah, b. Sept. 1, 1792.

The Will of Eleazar Sears of Yarmouth, dated May 31, 1803, was proved Jan. 8, 1810, and names wife Sarah; and children, Lewis, Edward and Hannah Sears; Phebe Crowell; Lydia Crowell, and Tabitha Crowell; son Lewis, Execr.

Eleazar Sears was in Lt. Crowell's Co., in Col. Freeman's Reg., and marched on the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, Sept. 6, 1778, serving 13 days.

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292. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass.

Nov. 6, 1733; d. Sept. 25, 1761, in his 28th yr., gr-st., Yar.; m. Nov. 26,

1754, Mercy Gray of Tisbury, Mass.

## Children in Yarmouth:

725. 1. Samuel, b. Nov. 5, 1756.
726. 2. Sarah, b. Sept. 15, 1758; m. Aug. 17, 1775, Benjamin Hatch of Rochester, Mass.  
Children, Hatch:  
1. Sarah Sears, b. Jan. 31, 1779; d. Nantucket, Mass., Sept. 5, 1863; m. Sept. 25, 1792, Elisha Raymond, who d. Jan. 28, 1857, ae. 85. 10. 28.
- \*727. 3. ALLEN, b. Aug. 5, 1760.

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293. Capt. ELEAZAR<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass., May 9, 1739; d. Jan. 20, 1824, in his 85th yr., gr-st., Yar.; m. Yar. 1761, (int, Chatham, Nov. 18, 1761, as Eleazar 3d.,) Bethia Godfrey of C., she b. 1743; d. June 7, 1800, in her 57th yr., gr-st.; (she is called in the records, "wife of Eleazar Jr.;" ) and 2d., Dennis, Mass., Jan. 5, 1801, Thankful Nickerson of Yar., who d. a widow, Feb. 6, 1834.

## Children in Yarmouth:

by Bethia,

728. 1. Patience, b. Aug. 23, 1763; m. Yar., Sept. 13, 1763, Willard Crowell, son of Lot & Hannah (Hamblen) C., he b. Oct. 14, 1759.  
Children, Crowell:  
1. Juliana, b. Oct. 19, 1784; m. 1800, Jonathan Hallett.  
2. Hannah, b. Feb. 18, 1787.  
3. Sabra, b. Apr. 25, 1789.

*Q. May 14, 1820, ae. 56 yrs. 9 m. 4 d.;*

729. 2. Bethia, b. Dec. 17, 1765; m. ----- Matthews; and 3d., Gorham Baker.

Children, ~~Matthews~~ Hallett:

1. Sears, bapt. Aug. 11, 1799; removed to Western New York.  
2. Benjamin, bapt. Aug. 11, 1799. removed to Wilmington, no. Cal.

Children, Baker:

3. Polly, bapt. Aug. 11, 1799. *bapt. Aug. 11, 1799.*  
4. Gorham, bapt. Aug. 11, 1799. *bapt. Aug. 11, 1799.*

*Pauline, b. May 25, 1801; bapt. July 16, 1801.*  
5. Judah, bapt. May 28, 1803. *bapt. May 28, 1803.*

6. Winthrop Sears, b. Apr. 27, 1804; m. Yar., 1824, Sally Hawes, she b. Yar., July 22, 1805; d. No. Bridgewater, Mass., May 3, 1858; he d. Brockton, Mass., Apr. 28, 1878.

Children, ~~Matthews~~ Baker:

1. Abby, b. Nov. 7, 1825; m. Yar., Aug. 30, 1852, Rufus P. Kingman of Brockton.

*also 12. Josiah Hallett, son of  
John & Thankful (Crowell) H. b.  
Aug. 27, 1765; lost at sea in 1789.*

"*apoline*" T.C.) 8. Eliza, bapt. June 21, 1807. *1. Dec. 1807.*  
*Pauline* 8. ~~Pauline, bapt. July 26, 1808, (1801)~~ *1. Dec. 1807.*  
 9. Alexander, bapt. Aug. 13, 1809.

730. 3. Thomas, b. Jan. 16, 1768; d. Oct. 15, 1780, in his 13th yr., gr-st.

\*731. 4. WINTHROP, b. May 1, 1772.

732. 5. Sally, b. May 8, 1773; m. Yar., Apr. 23, 1795, Isaac Smalley of Harwich, Mass.

Children, Smalley:

1. Leonard, b. Apr. 6, 1796.

2. Winthrop S., b. May 23, 1798.

3. Lydia, m. ----- Wheeler of Uxbridge, Mass.

733. 6. Sabra, b. Dec. 23, 1777; m. Jan. 2<sup>2</sup>, 1799, Samuel Matthews.

\*734. 7. THOMAS, b. Mar. 16, 1781.

\*735. 8. RICHARD, b. July 22, 1783.

Eleazar Sears styled in the records "Third" and later, "Jr.," was a sea-captain, and resided in Yarmouth.

May 9, 1829, the court made an allowance to his widow Thankful.

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294. DAVID<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (James<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>,) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Aug. 25, 1731; d. Lenox, Mass., July 12, 1827, ae. 97 yrs.; m. Mary Paddock, dau. of Zachariah & Elizabeth (Howes) P., she b. Dec. 6, 1734; was baptized in Mansfield, Conn., Jan. 5, 1735; d. Lenox, July 19, 1826, ae. 9<sup>2</sup> yrs.

Children:

\*736. 1. PHILIP, b. South East, N.Y., 1759.

\*737. 2. DAVID.

\*738. 3. ISAAC.

\*739. 4. LUTHER, b. Lenox, Mass., 1772.

\*740. 5. JAMES, b. Lenox, May 15, 1776.

\*741. 6. ZACHARIAH, b. Lenox, Apr. 1778.

\*742. 7. CALVIN, b. Oblong, N.Y., 1768. *also b. Lenox, Mass.*

743. 8. Elijah.

744. 9. Bethia, m. James Goodrich of Pittsfield, Mass.

Children, Goodrich:

1. George, res. Monroe, Greene co., Wisconsin.

745.10. Elizabeth, m. Jonathan Root of Pittsfield, Mass.

746.11. Polly, m. Robert Mc Knight of Pittsfield, Mass.

David Sears removed to Frederick precinct, South East, Dutchess co., N.Y., and in 1754, subscribed 10s. for Mr. Kent's support; and thence in 1771, to the north part of Lenox, Mass.

Dec. 3, 1777, at a meeting of the Committee of Safety, it was voted, that "John Whitlock, Ephraim Smith, Philip Sears, David Sears and Edward Martingale are dangerous to the United States of America. Chose by ballot Major Caleb Hyde to procure evidence and support an action on behalf of said town against John Whitlock, David Sears, Philip Sears, Ephraim Smith and Edward Martingale, at a court of general sessions of the peace for the county of Berkshire, to be held at Great Barrington, on Tuesday, the 9th day of Dec. current, for their being inimically disposed and dangerous to remain in the States of America."

Mar. 21, 1774, David Sears was appointed on the committee to lay out the school money. Mar. 12, 1776, David Sears on school committee. Mar. 24, 1788, he was chosen Tything man. Mar. 2, 1789, Surveyor of Highways.

Apr. 25, 1794, he was returned as a Baptist.

A hole in the mountain at Lenox was called "the Tory hole," and was occupied by Gid. Smith of Stockbridge as a hiding place, he being supplied with food by David Sears.

The children are probably not placed in the order of their births.

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297. SETH<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (James<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass.,

Oct. 31, 1736; d. Milltown, N.Y., Aug. 2, 1809, in his 73d yr., and was

buried beside his brother Knowles; m. Sarah Sears, dau. of Stephen &

Abigail (Burgess) S., <sup>of Yarmouth,</sup> she b. Mar. 31, 1734.

Children:

\*747. 1. ENOCH HAMLIN, b.

\*748. 2. SETH, b. about 1771.

\*749. 3. ELEAZAR H., b. in South East, N.Y., or Danbury, Conn., in 1771.

750. 4. Sarah.

751. 5. Thankful, b. So. East, N.Y., June 30, 1775; d. July 28, 1808; m. there, Dec. 27, 1793, Rev. William Smith of Litchfield, Herkimer co., N.Y., son of Richard & Mary (Brush) S., he b. West Farms, L.I., Mar. 20, 1770; he lived for a time at Huntington, L.I., and was a dry goods clerk at Jamaica, and in N.Y. city. In 1793 he removed to Litchfield, and settled on a farm, selling out in June 1846, and removed to Bedford, Ohio, with his wife and four children, (the youngest) his sons Seth, Charles and Richard being established on neighboring farms. He m. 2d., Oct. 28, 1809, Rhoda Rockwell, who d. May 25, 1822; and 3d., Sept. 20,



1824, Catharine Kelty, who d. June 10, 1858, at Bedford, where he d. July 29, 1857.

Children, Smith:

1. Seth, b. Mar. 31, 1795; d. Oct. 28, 1801.
2. Orrin Gazebe, b. May 6, 1797; d.s.p. July 1, 1880; m. Mary Crawford of Arkwright, Chautauqua co., N.Y., to which place he removed with his bro. Nathaniel, and helped to run the mills which they erected, and also worked at the joiner's and carpenter's trade. Later he was a preacher of the Meth. Epis. Church, travelling on horse back through So. Chaut., into Cattaraugus, fording the Allegheny river at Penn. In 1855 they sold out and moved to Illinois, near Carthage, and stayed three or four years, returning to Hamlet, where he died; he was for many years a great sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism, which left him a cripple.
3. Nathaniel, b. July 3, 1799; m. Feb. 20, 1823, Polly Gordon, she b. May 7, 1796; d. June 11, 1855; they had 4 sons and 3 daus., of whom Furilla, m. M. C. Jay; 2 sons are dead.  
He lived on the farm with his parents until 21, studied medicine one year, then went with his bro. Orrin to Chautauqua co., where they located 100 acres of land, and erected a saw-mill on the west branch of the Conowauga creek, being among the first pioneers of that section, then a wilderness without roads, and nothing to guide from one through the forest from one log cabin to another but marked trees. A few years later they built a grist-mill. These mills were a Godsend to the early settlers. He was pretty well versed in the law, a Justice of the Peace, about 1834, and an acting magistrate for 20 years. He played the flute, fife and drum, was often appointed on town committees, was a man of influence, and a member of the Meth. Epis. Church.
4. Silas, b. Oct. 14, 1801; d. Medina, N.Y., Mar. 22, 1880; m. Apr. 15, 1825, Minerva Mc Cracken, who d. Dec. 10, 1830; and 2d., Sept. 15, 1831, Mary Ann Bristol, she b. Cato, N.Y., May 18, 1808.

Children, Smith:

1. Frances E., b. Jan. 1, 1828; m. Rochester, N.Y., William Sexton, who d. soon; and 2d., Seymour Sexton, he b. Palmyra, N.Y., Nov. 20, 1820; res. Gloversville, N.Y.
2. Charles Bristol, b. Jan. 8, 1833; m. Selon, Ohio, 1855, Adelaide Hickox.
3. William Mc Knight, b. Mar. 1, 1836; m. Sept. 1863, Alice Frary.
4. George Albert, b. June 17, 1844; m. Feb. 17, 1870, Hattie S. Lewis of Cleveland, O., she b. Burlington, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1851.
5. Amanda Maria, b. Jan. 12, 1804; m. Apr. 22, 1823, Norman Spencer, he b. Sept. 14, 1800; d. Oct. 5, Fowlersville, Mich.; she d. Apr. 1876.

Children, Spencer:

1. Ery M., b. Dec. 3, 1823.
2. Henry M., b. May 16, 1826.
3. Thankful C., b. Aug. 7, 1829.
4. Julia M., b. Jan. 11, 1832.
5. William C., b. Dec. 5, 1834.

6. Sarah Ann, b. Sept. 22, 1837.
7. Jane M., b. Apr. 8, 1840.
8. Charles E., b. Sept. 5, 1842.
9. James P., b. Nov. 18, 1844.
6. Seth Sears, b. Apr. 10, 1806; d. July 5, 1844; "an upright man, of grave and modest demeanor," m. Sept. 1826, Lydia Ann Morgan, and 2d., Sept. 14, 1848, Mary Richards, who d. May 6, 1853.  
Children, Smith:  
by Lydia Ann,  
1. Amanda M., b. July 12, 1827; m. Jan. 3, 1848, Edson Irving Wilcox.  
2. Amelia Clarissa, b. Oct. 21, 1829; m. Nov. 10, 1850, Alfred Stevens at Bedford, O.  
3. Albert M., b. Nov. 29, 1831; m. July 3, 1853, Minerva Haniford, who d. Oct. 1889; and 2d., Dec. 1891, Minnie Haniford.  
4. William M., b. Sept. 27, 1836; m. May 13, 1862, Josephine L. Parkinson.  
by Mary,  
5. Fannie V., b. July 17, 1849.  
6. Addie, b. Nov. 1852; d. Oct. 1853.

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298. Capt. KNOWLES SEARS, (James<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>,<sup>1</sup>) b. 1738;  
d. Ridgefield, Conn., June 10, 1817, in his 79th yr., gr-st., Milltown  
Cem.; m. Susanna Townsend, who d. Apr. 24, 1782, ae. 43 yrs.; and 2d.,  
Charity Haviland, who d. Danbury, Conn., Sept. 18, 1836, ae. 86 yrs.

Children in Ridgefield:

by Susanna,

\*752. 1. DANIEL, b. May 14, 1762.

753. 2. Betty, b. Oct. 31, 1763; d. at the residence of her son Aaron in  
Albany, N.Y., July 28, 1846; m. Apr. 14, 1785, Nathan Hawley,  
of Redding, Conn., he b. Sept. 9, 1763; d. Feb. 27, 1810.

Children, Hawley:

1. Elizabeth, b. July 20, 1786.
2. Comfort Sears, b. Jan. 27, 1788; d. 1874.
3. Aaron, b. Jan. 25, 1790.
4. Arza, b. Mar. 14, 1792; d. Sept. 16, 1823.
5. Harvey, b. Feb. 20, 1794.
6. Samuel, b. Mar. 22, 1796; d. Apr. 11, 1852.
7. Henry.
8. George, b. July 12, 1800; was Pres. of the Bank in Baldwinsville, N.Y.
9. James, b. June 4, 1803; d. Oct. 31, 1872.
10. Matilda, b. Mar. 26, 1805; d. Jan. 2, 1877.
11. Maria, b. Dec. 26, 1807.
12. Susanna, b. Mar. 13, 1810.

754. 3. Susanna, b. July 9, 1766; m. Heman Sears, No. 438.
755. 4. Knowles, b. July 29, 1768; d. unmd., near Danbury, Conn., Oct. 24, 1848, gr-st.
756. 5. Mary, b. Aug. 7, 1770; d. Dec. 16, 1866, ae. 96 yrs. 4 mos. 10 days, gr-st.; m. Nov. 23, 1786; Isaac Townsend of Fredericksburg, N.Y.; and 2d., Elijah Benedict, (father of Ezra B., who m. Altha Sears, dau. of Comfort S.,) who d. Nov. 23, 1822, ae. 57 yrs. 8 dys., gr-st.; and 3d., Forward Stevens, who d. many years before her; they lived in the "Boggs District," Danbury, Conn.
- \*757. 6. JOHN, b. Oct. 15, 1772.
- \*758. 7. ABIJAH, b. Aug. 8, 1774.
- \*759. 8. ISAAC, b. Aug. 7, 1776.
760. 9. Desire, b. May 25, 1778; d. Danbury, Conn., Feb. 17, 1879, at the great age of 100 yrs. 8 mos. 23 dys., and was buried in the Cem. 2 miles N.E., of Danbury; m. Nov. 13, 1796, Caleb Curtis Gregory, of Westchester, N.Y., he b. Danbury, July 18, 1771; d. Dec. 1, 1845, ae. 74 yrs. 4 mos. 23 dys., gr-st.  
Children, Gregory:  
1. Delos, res. Danbury.  
2. Daughter, m. Levi Starr Benedict, res. Danbury.
- \*761.10. CHARLES, b. Aug. 3, 1780.  
by Charity,
- 762.11. Charity, b. Aug. 14, 1789; m. Stephen Crosby.
- 763.12. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 26, 1790; m. Nathaniel Brush, and rem. to Huron, N.Y.  
Children, Brush:  
1. Charity Elizabeth, m. -----; and 2d., ----- Dunn.  
2. Knowles Sears, b. Ridgebury, Conn., Aug. 11, 1811; d. Mar. 15, 1882, at the residence of his son James; m. Phelps, N.Y., Feb. 16, 1831, Elizabeth S. Meeker, she b. there, Mar. 5, 1814; d. there, Aug. 24, 1881.  
3. Charlotte, m. Col. David M. Keeler, and d. Geneva, Ill.  
4. Mary, m. Gurdon Tracy.  
5. Elizabeth, m. Barnum Benedict.  
6. William, m. Salvia Wood.  
7. James.  
8. Zopher.
- 764.13. David H., b. 1794; m. Sally Morris, and d.s.p. Danbury, Conn., Sept. 26, 1830, ae. 35 yrs. 11 mos. 7 dys., gr-st.
- 765.14. Phebe, d. unmd.

Capt. Knowles Sears, as he is called in the records, lived and died on the farm adjoining his father's in Ridgefield, Conn., and was buried with

his wives in the Milltown Cemetery.

He served on the alarm at New Haven in Col. Beardsley's Reg.

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299. Capt. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (James<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Apr. 30, 1745; d. South East, N.Y., Apr. 26, 1804, ae. 59 yrs., gr-st.; m. Sept. 9, 1767, Deborah Baldwin, dau. of Thomas & Deborah (Paddock) B., she b, Nov. 23, 1749; d. So. East, Sept. 13, 1828, ae. 79 yrs., gr-st. *"Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord." Double stone in So. East. burying ground in So. East.*

Children in South East:

\*766. 1. ELI, b. Oct. 16, 1768.

767. 2. Thomas Baldwin, b. Feb. 21, 1773; d.s.p. Carmel, N.Y., in 1855; m. Dec. 2, 1789, Betsy Lewis.

768. 3. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 3, 1775; d. Sept. 23, 1790.

\*769. 4. JAMES, b. Mar. 24, 1778.

\*770. 5. ARCHIBALD, b. Aug. 8, 1780.

771. 6. Sophia C., b. May 12, 1784; d. Apr. 12, 1869; m. Apr. 28, 1801, Archibald Young; (Archibald Young of Bath, L.I., and Benjamin and Elkanah Young of Phelps, N.Y., and Daniel C. Young of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. W. G. Ford, Jr., of Bath Beach, N.Y., are descendants.)

\*772. 7. ISAAC, b. July 23, 1786.

773. 8. Deborah, b. Oct. 18, 1789; m. Dec. 25, 1805, ----- Craft; and 2d., ----- Ludington.

774. 9. Sally B., b. June 26, 1792; m. Mar. 27, 1810, Ezra Young.

Children, Young:

1. Thomas.

Thomas Sears was 2d Lt. in 3d Reg. Dutchess co., Mil., June 22, 1778; and 1st. Lt. in Col. Nichols Reg., Oct. 19, 1779, and is styled Captain; after the peace he settled in South East, N.Y., on land which he bought of the government, and on which his descendants still live.

He was a prominent church member and trustee during many years.

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lead 301. JAMES SEARS, (James, Silas, Silas, Richard,) b. 1747; m. (?Abigail) Sherwood, dau. of Jehiel S.

Children:

775. 1. Hezekiah.

776. 2. William.

777. 3. Lyman.

\*778. 4. JARED. b. Lenox, Mass., Aug. 12, 1779.

779. 5. Betsy, m. Joseph Montague of Cambridge, Vt.  
Children, Montague:

1. Harry.

2. Daughter, m. ----- Porter of Hadley, Mass.

780. 6. Huldah, perhaps m. <sup>Gidson</sup>~~Ciden~~ Bronson, (or Brownson) of Sunderland, Vt.

? \*781. 7. JAMES.

? \*782.a. 8. ALEXANDER, b. Catskill, N.Y., Mar. 10, 1805.

James Sears lived for a time in Lenox, Mass., and perhaps in Catskill, N.Y., and removed to the "Lake Region," (Canada,) he served in Capt. Oliver Belding's Co., in Maj. Caleb Hyde's Reg., July 8, to July 26, 1778, in Northern Department.

The last two sons, James and Alexander, I think belong to this family, but needs confirmation.

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303. COMFORT<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (James<sup>4</sup>, Silas<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Ridgefield, Conn., Mar. 20, 1751; d. there, Dec. 24, 1827, ae. 76 yrs., gr-st., Milltown, N.Y.; m. Dec. 18, 1777, Eunice Crane, dau. of Judge Joseph C., of South East, N.Y., she b. there, Nov. 20, 1754; d. Jan. 23, 1839, ae. 84 yrs., gr-st.;

Children in Ridgefield:

782. 1. Thirza, b. Mar. 22, 1779; m. Oct. 24, 1796, William Sears, *no. 464*.

783. 2. Esther, b. July 29, 1780; d. Oct. 10, 1811; m. June 1799, Jeremiah Griffiths.

Children, Griffiths:

1. Avilda, m. Amos Scofield of Stamford, Conn. (Mrs. Hiram D. Brown of St. Paul, Minn., is a gr-dau.)

784. 3. Desire, b. May 24, 1782; d. Apr. 22, 1854; m. Oct. 1, 1815, Czar Benedict, son of Samuel & Betty (Westcott) B., he b. Jan. 7, 1769; d. Dec. 5, 1858; (his 2d. wife.)

Children, Benedict:

1. Ursula, b. July 7, 1818; d. July 9, 1832.

2. Camilla, b. July 30, 1821; d. July 27, 1832.

3. Edwin Sears, b. July 14, 1824; m. Sept. 15, 1846, Caroline Amelia Benedict.

785. 4. Eunice, b. Feb. 4, 1784; d. July 8, 1858; m. Dec. 18, 1810, James Weed, he b. Mar. 31, 1783; d. May 8, 1814, of the malignant fever that raged in South East that spring.

Children, Weed:

1. Oscar, b. Dec. 4, 1812; m. Nov. 6, 1837, Ann Eliza Quintard, of Norwalk, Conn., she b. Oct. 23, 1818.

Children, Weed:

1. George Elmore, b. Oct. 3, 1839; m. Jan. 5, 1859, in N.Y., C. L. Salladee; he was foreman of John Roach, ship-builder, Phila., and later his assignee.

2. Mary Francis, b. Oct. 7, 1842; m. Dec. 19, 1872, Daniel R. Sears, No. 279.

2. James Orville, b. Sept. 4, 1814; d. Mar. 10, 1891; m. Apr. 12, 1843, Sarah E. Crane, of South East, she b. Oct. 23, 1818; resided on the old homestead of Comfort Sears, his Grandfather; no children.

786. 5. Camilla, b. Apr. 26, 1786; d. Jan. 9, 1815; m. July 4, 1810, Elijah Crosby, a brother of James Sears' first wife; had 2 children.

\*787. 6. JAMES, b. Nov. 10, 1788.

788. 7. Atha, b. Dec. 18, 1790; d. Sept. 17, 1827, gr-st.; m. Jan. 22, 1811, Ezra P. Benedict, son of Elijah & Tamar (Pierce) B., he b. Aug. 31, 1792; d. Jan. 19, 1852, ae. 59 yrs. 4 mos. 19 dys., gr-st., "Boggs Dist. Cem."

Children, Benedict:

1. Tamar, b. Apr. 22, 1813; m. Ezra B. Beebe.

2. Philander, b. Sept. 2, 1816; m. Feb. 2, 1842, Sarah Vail.

3. Joanna, b. Apr. 20, 1820; d. July 20, 1860; m. Levi D. Weed.

4. Elijah, b. 1827.

\*789. 8. JOSEPH CRANE, b. Dec. 18, 1792.

\*790. 9. LEWIS, b. June 26, 1795.

791.10. Polly M., b. July 26, 1800; d. Apr. 12, 1873, ae. 72 yrs. 8 mos. 16 dys., gr-st., So. East; m. Oct. 22, 1831, Nehemiah Perry, who d. 1872.

Children, Perry:

1. Mary, m. Hawley Hayt, and d. 1833; she had 5 children, of whom is Carrie Hayt of Towners, N.Y.

Comfort Sears like his father, was strict in the observance of the Sabbath, and required the same of his children, though he never united with the church.

In Feb. 1793, his house took fire in the night, and was entirely destroyed.

He turned out with only his night shirt on, and got out the things, first of all a barrel of pork; in some way he injured his great toe, either by freezing or a bruise, and it was the cause of his death many years after.

He built another house on the same site, which was lately occupied by his grandson, James O. Weed, and a very good house it still is.

It stands on "Joe's Hill," now called "Federal Hill," Millplain, N.Y., Fairfield co., Conn.

Judge Joseph Crane, his wife's father, was descended from one of the first settlers, and owned a large tract of land in South East, N.Y., and "Joe's Hill" was named for him. The line now runs over the range of hills, and that in South East is still called "Joe's Hill," while that in Ridgefield, is now called "Federal Hill."

Eunice Crane was a sister of James Weed's wife, Sarah, and of Darius Crane's (of Hillsdale, Mich., ) grand-father.

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304. GEORGE<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (? Seth<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. 1735; d.

Newport, R.I., Feb. 1801, ae. 66 yrs., gr-st.; m. Newport, Jan. 2, 1765,

Abigail Hall, she b. 1737; d. June 16, 1821, ae. 84 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Newport:

\*792. 1. GEORGE, b. 1765.

793. 2. Nancy, m. Newport, Nov. 20, 1788, Capt. Joshua Rathbone; she d. at an advanced age.

Children, Rathbone:

1. George, res. Providence, R.I.

794. 3. Ruth, b. 1770; m. Newport, Dec. 12, 1797, Joseph Rogers, and d. Oct. 20, 1802, ae. 32 yrs., gr-st.

Children, Rogers:

1. William.

2. Daughter.

795. 4. Daughter, d. at her brother's house in Baltimore, Md., of confluent small pox, and was buried in his lot, corner of Fayette and Green streets, with a marble grave-stone.

George Sears lived in Newport, R.I., was a Rep. to the Gen. Assembly, May 1776; and was one of the Council Com. on adoption of the Federal Constitution in 1784.

He died intestate, and letters of administration were granted to his widow, Abigail, Dec. 10, 1801; but I find no record of distribution of his estate.

In the old burying ground on Thames street in Newport, are grave-stones with these inscriptions;

"George Seares, Esquire, (grandson of Thomas) born 1735; and died 1801, ae. 66 years. Common Council, 1784."

"Abigail his wife, born 1737; died 1821, ae. 84 years."

"Ruth Sears, wife of Joseph Rogers, Esquire, and daughter of George Sears, born 1770; and died 1802, ae. 32 years."

These stones were erected at the same time as that to Thomas Seares, see ante, page 25.

George Sears, not Seares, was probably a son of Seth Sears, and I so place him, subject to correction. He could not have been a "grand-son of Thomas," as the epitaph asserts, for the very good reason that the first recorded Thomas Sears was not born till 1702-3, and he would have been but 33 years of age when George Sears was born.

*The account of this family is imperfect, and needs revision in each generation, and verification.*

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305. Capt. JOHN<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (John,<sup>4</sup> Richard<sup>3</sup>, Silas,<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>,) b. Lyme, Conn.,  
*by Rev. Stephen Johnson, to*  
 Mar. 4, 1735-36; d. Dec. 28, 1766; m. Lyme, Jan. 24, 1760, Judith Peck,  
 dau. of Jasper & Sarah (Clark) P., she b. there, Jan. 22, 1740; (she m.  
 2d., Nov. 20, 1777, Capt. Gates of Colchester, Conn.)

Children in Lyme:

797. 1. Richard, b. Aug. 28, 1761.  
 \*798. 2. JASPER PECK, b. July 7, 1763.  
 799. 3. Betsy, b. Nov. 22, 1765; m. Elijah Ransom of Montville, Conn.

Capt. John Sears was received into the church in Lyme, Nov. 1755, and widow Judith Sears, July 1771.

He was a large land-owner as appears by the records of Old Lyme.

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312. ROLAND<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Zachariah,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Silas,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth,  
 Mass., Feb. 3, 1744-45; m. Apr. 9, 1777, Jedidah Conant, dau. of Zilpah  
 C., of Bridgewater, Mass., she b. 1752.

Children in Ashfield:

800. 1. Lois, b. June 6, 1777.  
 801. 2. Mehitable, b. Dec. 21, 1778.  
 802. 3. Mary, b. July 26, 1780.  
 \*803. 4. ZACHARIAH, b. Mar. 19, 1782.  
 \*804. 5. AHIRAH, b. Dec. 12, 1783.  
 \*805. 6. PETER, b. Aug. 23, 1787.  
 \*806. 7. ROLAND, b. Feb. 3, 1789.  
 \*807. 8. THOMAS, b. Jan. 29, 1791.  
 808. 9. Roxanna, b. Oct. 14, 1792.  
 809. 10. Abner, b. Apr. 2, 1796; was a Dr., and lived in Shiawassee co., Mich.

Roland Sears removed to Ashfield, Mass., in May 1773, and bought a farm; he was in Lt. Bartlett's Co., which marched on the Lexington alarm, Apr. 22, 1775, and was credited with 5 days service and mileage, \$7. 1. 2.; he subsequently enlisted in Capt. Eben Webber's Co., Col. John Fellows' Reg.

A dau. m. ----- Fuller of Ann Arbor, Mich., and another m. ----- Thayer of Williamsburg, Mass.

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318. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Zachariah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass., July 20, 1756; d. May 30, 1836, ae. 79 yrs., gr-st., Brewster; m. int. Dec. 7, 1782, Mrs. Thankful (Clark) Howes, widow of Henry H., and dau. of Scotto & Thankful (Crosby) C., she b. Oct. 22, 1759; d. Dennis, Mass., Apr. 22, 1842, ae. 83 yrs., gr-st.

Children, the first 5 in Yarmouth, the others in Dennis:

\*810. 1. ZACHARIAH, b. Dec. 29, 1783.

\*811. 2. HENRY, b. May <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, 1785.

812. 3. Hitty, b. Oct. 21, 1788; d. Aug. 4, 1806, in her 18th yr., gr-st.

\*813. 4. ZEBINA, b. Mar. 11, 1790.

\*814. 5. JOSEPH, b. June 24, 1792.

815. 6. Thankful, b. May <sup>8</sup>/<sub>9</sub>, 1794; d. Sept. 29, 1878; m. Mar. 20, 1817, Isaiah Howes, son of Seth & Elizabeth (Lincoln) H., he b. Nov. 11, 1787; d. Oct. 24, 1849.

Children, Howes:

1. Myra, b. Jan. 1, 1818; d. May 1851; m. Capt. Levi Howes.

2. Harry, b. Jan. 20, 1820; d. Sept. 24, 1832.

3. Sarah Clark, b. Feb. 20, 1823; m. Nathan Sears, b. 1824.

4. Roland, b. Oct. 27, 1827; m. Harriet Newell Chapman.

Children, Howes:

1. Isaiah, b. Dec. 5, 1854; m. Lizzie Gardner.

2. Charles Frederick, b. Aug. 13, 1856; d. Mar. 3, 1891.

3. Henry Roland, b. Sept. 6, 1863; d. Sept. 22, 1863.

4. Henrietta May.

\*816. 7. PETER, b. May 9, 1796.

\*817. 8. ROLAND, b. Nov. 23, 1798; (1801, another account.)

Joseph Sears had the old homestead in East Yarmouth, now Dennis, at his father's decease in 1796.

He was in Capt. Elisha Hedge's Co., in Col. Nathaniel Freeman's Reg., and served in R.I., 1 mo. 4 dys.; and in Lt. Micajah Sears' Co., at Dartmouth and Falmouth alarm, Sept. 6, 1778, serving 3 days.

He took a prominent part in town affairs, was a Selectman for 11 years from 1794, and was chosen Rep. in 1800.

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320. STEPHEN<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Sept. 5, 1736; m. Nov. 12, 1758, Elizabeth Sears, dau. of Silas & Elizabeth (Nickerson) S.